



## Commission on Disability Issues (CODI)

### Minutes Memorandum

*Stephen P. Clark Center (SPCC)*

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*18<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Room 18-4*

	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday, February 24, 2016</b>	
	<b>Time:</b>	<b>1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.</b>	
	<b>Call to Order Time:</b>	<b>1:40 p.m.</b>	
	<b>Meeting Adjourned:</b>	<b>4:10 p.m.</b>	
<b>I.</b>	<b>Opening and Attendance:</b> Attendance recorded. Call to Order. Copies of documents were distributed <i><b>CODI members inform the ADA Office <u>via email</u> whether you will attend meetings as soon as you receive meeting notices.</b></i>		
	District 1 <b>Commissioner Jordan</b>	<b>Damian Gregory</b> 1 <sup>ST</sup> Vice Chairman	Present
	District 2 <b>Commissioner Monestime</b>	<b>Jackson David</b>	Present
	District 3 <b>Commissioner Edmonson</b>	<b>Jose Granda</b> Access Committee Chair	Present
	District 4 <b>Commissioner Heyman</b>	<b>Jesus Garcia</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair & Transportation & Aviation Committee Chair	Absent
	District 5 <b>Commissioner Barreiro</b>	<b>Ernie Martinez</b> CODI Chairman	Present
	District 6 <b>Commissioner Sosa</b>	<b>Ora Prilleltensky</b>	Present
	District 7 <b>Commissioner Suarez</b>	<b>Harry Horgan</b> Outreach Committee Chair	Present
	District 8 <b>Commissioner Levine Cava</b>	<b>Elizabeth Merkling</b>	Present
	District 9 <b>Commissioner Moss</b>	<b>Ronald Fulton</b> CODI Secretary	Present
	District 10 <b>Commissioner Souto</b>	<b>VACANT APPOINTMENT</b>	
	District 11 <b>Commissioner Zapata</b>	<b>PENDING APPOINTMENT</b>	
	District 12 <b>Commissioner Diaz</b>	<b>Maria Mercedes Villar</b>	Present
	District 13 <b>Commissioner Bovo</b>	<b>Alan Rigerman</b>	Absent

	<p><b>Miami-Dade County Staff Present</b></p> <p><b>Heidi Johnson-Wright, ISD</b> ADA Coordinator</p> <p><b>Skarlex Alorda, ISD</b> ADA Office Support Specialist II &amp; Recording Secretary</p> <p><b>Shanika Graves, CAO</b> Assistant County Attorney</p> <p><b>Raul Rios, DTPW</b> PW- ADA Contact</p> <p><b>Roberto Cepeda, OEM</b> Emergency Evacuation Assistance Program</p> <p><b>Loubert Alexis, OEM</b> ADA Coordinator</p> <p><b>Robert Vinock, Elections</b> Assistant Deputy Supervisor Electronic Voting</p> <p><b>Matty S. Di Girolamo, Elections</b> Elections Procedures Coordinator</p> <p><b>Rick Fernandez, Aviation</b> Supervisor of Landside Operations &amp; ADA Coordinator</p> <p><b>Deidre Gilbert, DSAIL</b></p> <p><b>Fernando Marquez, PROS</b> Architect 4</p> <p><b>Gisel Prado, PROS</b> Pollution Control Inspector</p> <p><b>Transportation America:</b></p> <p><b>Members of the Public:</b></p> <p><b>John Williams</b></p> <p><b>Helen Lemus, Freelance Writer</b></p> <p><b>Gary Alan Ruse, Reporter</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Fred Haynes</b></p> <p><b>Rose Haynes</b></p>	
<b>II.</b>	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	<p>Chairman Martinez requested a motion to approve today's agenda. Ronald Fulton made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Harry Horgan. Motion passed unanimously.</p>

III.	<b>Approval of CODI Minutes</b>	<p>Chairman Martinez requested a motion to approve the CODI January 27, 2016 minutes. Motion made by Ora Prilleltensky and seconded by Damian Gregory. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Chairman Martinez requested a motion to approve the CODI Access Committee minutes for June 11, 2015. Motion made by Damian Gregory and seconded by Mercedes Villar. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
IV.	<b>Open Comments:</b>	<p>Helen Lemus and Gary Alan Ruse, reporters for the <i>Coral Gables News</i>, introduced themselves.</p> <p>Ora Prilleltensky spoke about the Homestead Tax Exemption program for Florida homeowners with a disability.</p> <p>Jose Granda spoke about a deaf emergency awareness manual for use in hospitals. The manual, which includes basic sign language, might be useful in County offices. Mr. Granda announced there will be three deaf artists performing at the Frost Art Museum on March 4 and 5.</p> <p>Damian Gregory asked Ricardo Fernandez about accessibility at MIA, specifically transferring in and out of the planes. Mr. Fernandez said the staff assisting is trained on this. Elizabeth Merklings said some individuals do not know how to properly transfer individuals and they will not listen to the suggestions of the person they are assisting.</p> <p>Jackson David, Chair of the Airport Access Committee, said these issues are discussed at their meetings. Mercedes Villar said that arrival and departure signage at MIA has issues, especially for dyslexics and speakers of other languages. Universal signage would be better.</p> <p>Chairman Martinez suggested that from now on, Mr. David should provide updates to CODI following each Airport Access Committee meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Fulton raised issues concerning STS. Chairman Martinez recommended these be discussed at the next Transportation &amp; Aviation Committee meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Chiverton said Mr. Fulton wanted CODI to have input on the new contract language. The current contract expires March 21, 2018.</p> <p>Lynnette Chiverton to provide a brief report regarding STS. Motion made by Harry Horgan made a motion that Ms. Chiverton provide a brief status report on STS; motion seconded by Elizabeth Merklings. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Chiverton said that since STS was not on today's meeting agenda, she was not prepared to give a report. She will provide a report at the next Transportation &amp; Aviation Committee meeting.</p>

V.	Information Item:	<p><b>Emergency Evacuation Assistance Program (EEAP)</b></p> <p>Roberto Cepeda is the EEAP Coordinator. Mr. Cepeda explained the importance of pre-registering for this program. He said how the program is not only for hurricanes but tornadoes as well. Ms. Johnson-Wright asked if someone in the community needed assistance completing the enrollment form, where would they go. Mr. Cepeda said individuals can contact the Office of Emergency Management for assistance. Mr. Gregory asked how many disabled persons are enrolled in the program, and Mr. Cepeda answered 2,200 people. However, there are many more individual with special needs that are not aware of the program. This is why OEM does year-round outreach on the program.</p> <p>Jose Granda expressed concern that the language used in the enrollment form is too advanced for deaf people to understand. Mr. Granda said, for example, the words “intermittent” and “subdivision” are unlikely to be understood by someone who is prelingually deaf. Mr. Granda said he will proofread the application and provide language that will better suit the deaf community. Mr. Cepeda thanked Mr. Granda for his feedback. He reiterated OEM staff will help anyone who needs assistance complete the form. A discussion ensued.</p> <p><b>Elections</b></p> <p>Robert Vinock, Assistant Deputy Supervisor of Elections, said that Elections has an early voting pilot program. Persons with disabilities interested in scheduling reservations can call via phone or TTY number. This pilot project will be available during the early voting period for the March 15, 2016 Presidential Primary Election. To participate, call 305-499-8341 Monday- Friday, 9am-4pm, from February 1 through March 6. For TTY, call 305-499-8480. A representative will provide additional details.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Resource Fair</b></p> <p>Raul Rios suggested putting on another resource fair like those done previously. The Office of Community Advocacy would help with logistics. Harry Horgan will call an Outreach Committee meeting to discuss event planning. Mr. Horgan will provide the ADA Office with a committee meeting date by Friday, February 26, 2016. A discussion ensued.</p>
VI.	Action Item:	<p><b>Calendar Meeting Dates</b></p> <p>Ora Prilleltensky said she supports CODI meeting each month. Ms. Graves said CODI’s by-laws state:</p> <p>Officers shall be elected at the January meeting of the Commission. A slate of nominations shall be presented by the Nominating Committee at the December</p>

		<p>meeting. The Chairperson shall appoint a Nominating Committee at the November meeting.</p> <p>Compliance with the by-laws is mandatory.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Chairman Martinez requested a motion to approve 2016 meeting dates <b>(see attachment.)</b> Harry Horgan made the motion to approve; seconded by Damian Gregory. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p><b>Amended Motion:</b> Damian Gregory made an amended motion for CODI to meet every month except for August. Mercedes Villar seconded the amended motion. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
	<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.
	<b>Next CODI Meeting:</b>	The next CODI meeting will be held March 23, 2016.